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DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

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File # 740008017261

Mr. Douglas Harmon
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Office of the City Manager
1000 Throckmorton Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Harmon:

This is in response to your letter of May 11, 1989, requesting clarification of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) position regarding concerns and allegations raised pertaining to the American Cyanamid plant located at 600 North Jones, Fort Worth, Texas.

The American Cyanamid facility was first brought to the attention of EPA in early 1980 by the U.S. Department of Labor. EPA initiated an investigation of the site in 1980 and continued this investigation through 1982. The findings were that hazardous wastes had not been buried onsite, but were being stored in units consisting of container and tank storage areas. These units had been granted interim status to operate under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Operation of these storage units continued until 1983, at which time the units were closed and the hazardous wastes removed as required in a closure plan approved by the Texas Water Commission (TWC).

As you are aware, allegations concerning past operating practices have been repeated. Due to these continuing concerns, EPA considered reinvestigating the site, utilizing its technical assistance team. However, no action was initiated after EPA was informed that the allegations were being investigated by your office. EPA has offered to provide your office with any necessary technical assistance for the purposes of this investigation.

Please be assured of the Agency's continuing interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Layton Jr., P.E.
Regional Administrator

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